

What is claimed is:

1. A process of checking the authorization and authenticity of an application provided by a user, comprising:

authenticating an application authentication file against a domain

5 administrator's public membership key;

hashing an application executable;

comparing the application hash result to an authentication hash contained in the application authentication file;

denying services to the application if the application hash and the authentication hash do not match;

decoding configuration assignments in the application authentication file if the application hash and the authentication hash match;

comparing the decoded configuration assignments to the user's configuration assignments;

providing services to the application if the result of the decode is favorable; and

denying services to the application if the result of the decode is not favorable.